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**Re:** U.S. Application No. 09/783,246

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**MESSAGE:**

**Examiner Stevens:**

Attached please find the following documents for filing in the above-referenced application:

1. Amendment Transmittal; and
2. Amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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PATH DELAY ESTIMATION DURING  
TIMING-DRIVEN PLACEMENT FOR  
HIERARCHICAL PROGRAMMABLE LOGIC  
DEVICES

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**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL**

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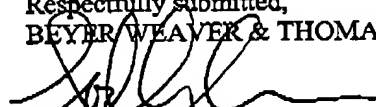
Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

The fee has been calculated as shown below.

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Total Claims	30	MINUS	30	0	x 25 =	x 50 = 0
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Dear Sir:

The phone conference on June 13, 2006 is gratefully acknowledged. Please make the following amendments to the specification to correct informalities to place the application in condition for allowance.

**Amendments to the Specification** are reflected in the listing of claims which being on page 2 of this paper.

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